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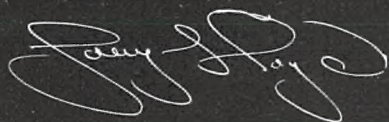
GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to Colchester United. When we played them earlier this season, they impressed me greatly and I know that we will really have a fight on our hands this afternoon.

This last week has seen us hit a very high note at Scunthorpe and then a few days later we contrived to produce probably our most ineffective performance of the season at Darlington.

I don't like losing, but the thing that upset me at Darlington was the way we lost. We seemed to go down without a fight and that surprised me more than anything because the basis of our team is hard work and commitment. Perhaps the pressure of going 21 games without defeat was beginning to affect the players, and today's game will be a real test of character as to whether we can bounce back and go another 13 games without defeat.

I was pleased to hear that Kevin Sheldon and Neil Davids came through a game last weekend without any reaction from their injuries, and I am sure that very soon they will be knocking on the first team door.

Enjoy the game, best wishes,



Larry Lloyd.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

AFTER the defeat by Newcastle in the replay at Springfield Park by 3 goals to 2, it was considered that the performance would impress the Football League clubs at the A.G.M., but not to be. We only collected two more votes than the previous year.

The fifties dragged on with the club getting financially stronger and winning the odd title like the Lancashire Junior Cup in 1956 and 1960, but they were mainly uneventful years, and in many respects the club was heading towards stagnation, having really outgrown the Lancashire Combination. Over this period, the club found themselves turning to almost gimmick matches to break the relative monotony. One that comes quickly to mind was a friendly game at Stirling Albion in Scotland, when we chartered a plane to fly there. The heading in the local press was "LATICS TAKE TO THE SKIES".

There was nothing really remarkable about the match, but the story of the return home became a saga when on our return there was an announcement at Renfrew Airport that our plane had broken down. The

party was forced to hitch home on separate flights. Mr. Horrocks with a party of eight players flew home on a Dakota that tossed them over the skies. With the Manager, Mr. Jackson, another Director, and about seven players, I waited for the Viscount to be repaired and we left the airport at past midnight, very much concerned that the Flight Mechanics had done their job on the plane successfully. I must admit I have been sceptical about flying ever since.

During the 1960/61 season, the Directors of the club became all too aware of the general stagnation of both club and the League in which they were competing. A situation was arising where the successful clubs were getting bigger and winning all the honours, while the smaller clubs struggled to make ends meet. A decision was therefore taken to rejoin the Cheshire League, where football was altogether stronger. That season the club was managed by former player Johnny Ball.

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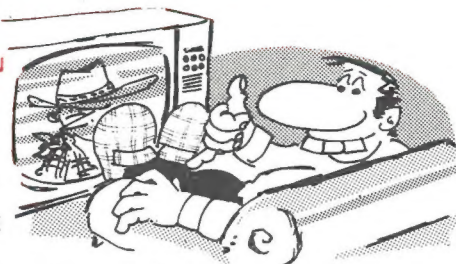
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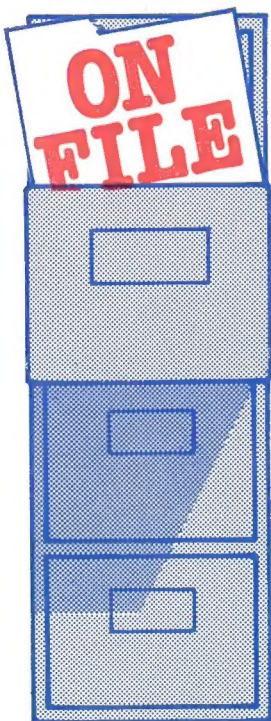
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I AM extremely grateful to the lads for their performance at Scunthorpe, and not just because it gave us three points. I had arranged to travel down to London the next day with Larry Lloyd to the League Cup Final and the P.F.A. dinner, and I did not fancy travelling 200 miles with him if we had been beaten. As it was, the trip down was a nightmare and even Larry's patience, which is well known by every centre-forward from here to Tokyo, was, to say the least, rather stretched.

I know that many Latics fans made the same trip South on our wonderful motorway system and if any are reading this, I apologise for bringing it all back. On a day when perhaps 5,000 vehicles carrying Liverpool fans and ex-patriot Spurs supporters could be expected, the geniuses who organise such things decided (a) to reduce traffic to one lane just short of Birmingham whilst someone cleaned the overhead signs and (b) close the motorway completely at Northampton and send us all on a little safari into the countryside which was laughingly described as a 'detour'. By Birmingham, Mr. Lloyd was not amused — by Northampton he was rather annoyed — by Wembley he was livid. And, of course, the National Stadium does not have many places to park a car, so we

thought we'd be clever, go North to a tube station on the same line, get a pie and a pint and swoop down the tube to Wembley. What a good idea! What a pity that everybody else thought of it too! At the first tube up the line, the pubs were shut. At the second, they had been opened but had shut because they were too full. At the third, a half-mile walk brought us to one that was open but was so full that all we could do was cram into a corner with a bottle of beer and a bag of crisps.

On the journey from there to Wembley, Mr. Lloyd discovered that the lovely Italian shoes that he had bought the day before, whilst looking very elegant ("There's Larry Lloyd! Doesn't he wear nice shoes!") were far too tight and blisters appeared just as we reached the top of Wembley Way. Still, all's well that ends well, and the game, especially extra time, was very exciting. Except that, in order to avoid the rush, we'd left six minutes before the end and didn't realise until we turned our car radio on half an hour later!

So I would like to thank Les, Peter, big Graham and Colin, and all the lads who set-up a record victory the night before. If they'd have been beaten we'd have had to pull Larry Lloyd out of the Thames on Saturday night. Cheers,

Colin Burke (Secretary)



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

THE LANCASHIRE Football Association is planning a crackdown on the use of foul language in amateur soccer games. Alarmed at the increasing use of swearing throughout the region, the LFA are considering a four-week ban for anyone who utters a four-letter word and Secretary Jim Kenyon said in a circular to all local leagues: "Many games are played on public playing areas and we are receiving complaints from members of the public about the appalling language they are subjected to when visiting these places."

Of course swearing doesn't necessarily mean coming out with a mouthful to a referee or linesman. A player can also be sent off for swearing at one of his own players and this is something some clubs don't realise.

In the Post and Chronicle Sunday League, Wigan Town found recently that they were to lose two points after a slip involving a suspended player. In their game against Oddfellows Town they

fielded a player who thought his suspension ended a day before it actually did. The League had no choice but to order their game to be replayed and take two points away from them.

Wigan Amateur League have told clubs not to expect referees to pick a man of the match. They point out that refs are under no obligation to do so and it is purely a private arrangement between them and the clubs concerned.

Finally, there's a few long faces Wigan Amateur League club Whelley this morning — but also a few bright ones. The first team, who played in the Premier Division, met their second division Reserve side in the second round of the Laithwaite Shield last week and the first team came a cropper, losing 4-2. Naturally the camp is split over the result, but the quote of the week comes from Brian Derbyshire, who has been with Whelley for over 12 years. He said: "It was simple really. The first team expected to win but we wanted to win."

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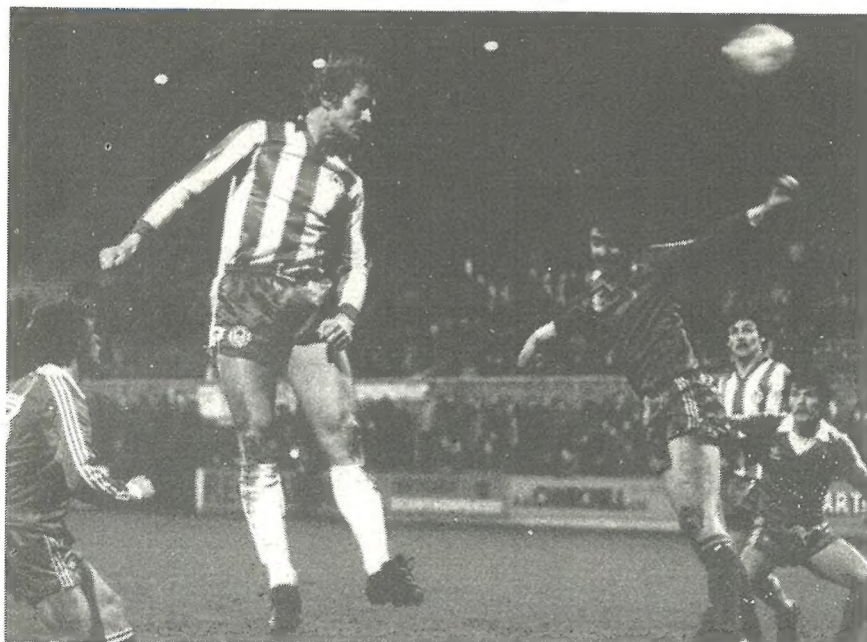


IRONS UNDER FIRE

Above: Les Bradd heads in the first goal at Scunthorpe despite close attention from the defence.

Below: Les Bradd powers home his hat-trick.

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GOOD AFTERNOON,

In the absence of our Mr. Roberts on holiday, I have been asked to write the notes for the above column, and as this is a complete departure from my usual chores, I will do my best.

I think it is appropriate at this time to give a sincere thanks to all who have supported us in some practical way, namely advertisers, sponsors, customers to the shop and lottery ticket agents, and hope they will continue to do so.

The viability of any Football Club is determined by the number of people going through the turnstiles, the Commercial

Department, plus prudent financial management, and with all these things in mind, I am thinking ahead to the close-season by asking as many people to come forward and become Lottery Agents, so that they can contribute funds when they are most needed, and if this is not possible, perhaps they can make sure they purchase one or more LOTTERY tickets during this period every week, according to their means, and in the present economic climate.

Anything that brings **MONEY** into the Club from whatever source will be warmly received, and any ideas that will help bring increased revenue will be welcomed also. A special thank-you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Club so far this season, support your team in every way possible, and enjoy today's game.

Sincere thanks.
W. Brown.

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THERE has been very little activity from a Reserve team point of view in recent weeks. The weather has been so wet we have been afraid of making the pitch unplayable for the first team games, and I think we have been wisely advised by our Groundsman, Bill Mitchell, not to abuse the pitch at this stage of the season.

Our game against Port Vale in the Umbro Floodlight League arranged for Tuesday, 16th March was, therefore, cancelled and re-arranged for

Wednesday next at 7.00 p.m.

We managed to get a Youth team game in at Robin Park last Saturday against Oldham, and as we are allowed two players, any age, in this side, it was a golden opportunity to give big-hearted Neil Davids his first game since he broke his leg for the second time — he came through the game without mishap.

Kevin Sheldon was also given a run and appeared to come through the game quite satisfactory.

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SPOTLIGHT

THE COMMITTEE and bar staff would like to welcome the supporters, players and directors of Colchester United Football Club to Springfield Park today.

The Supporters' Club Bowling Association meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 23rd March at 8.00 p.m. Anybody interested in forming a team for the new season is welcome.

Here is a letter I received recently from the Chairman of Notts Forest Supporters' Club:

Dear Jimmy Hoy,

May I take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff at Wigan Supporters' Club for the wonderful afternoon myself and a friend had there on the occasion of Wigan -v- Hull match.

With Nottingham Forest not having a

match that day, we decided to come up to see Larry Lloyd and his team. It makes a change to watch football from the lower divisions, and to see how friendly the people are up there. Which cannot be said for some of the First Division clubs I've been to.

Once again, I thank you all very much and look forward to coming to see you again next season in Division THREE.

*Yours thankfully,
K. C. MOUSLEY.*

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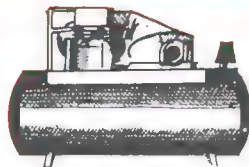
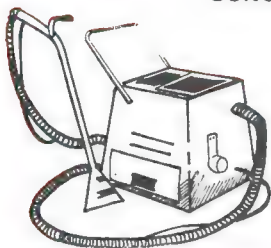
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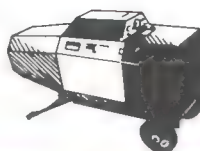
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... in town today... in town today... ER UNITED



COLCHESTER Football Club, our visitors today, were relegated last season from the Third Division and are new faces at Springfield Park. We visited Colchester in October when they were riding high in the League. We won 2-1. The hospitality was equal to any we have received, and we hope they enjoy our hospitality today on their first ever visit to Wigan.

Colchester was founded as an Amateur Club in 1873, but were only registered as a professional side in 1937. The outstanding date in the history of the club was 3rd June, 1950 when Colchester were elected to the Football League. They have, however, as have most other clubs, had their ups and downs, for at the end of 1972/3 season they were forced to apply for re-election, but received maximum votes at the meeting.

Whilst a non-league club, Colchester had probably their greatest achievement, they reached the sixth round of the F.A. Cup — going out at Everton 5-0 in front of a 50,000 crowd. The Cup run, however, will be remembered most for the Fifth Round tie at Layer Road against Leeds United, who were then a top First Division side. They beat Leeds probably creating the biggest upset in the history of the F.A. Cup.

We welcome the Directors, Staff and Players of Colchester today to Springfield Park, and hope to have a good entertaining game.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS
30th October, 1981 —
Colchester Utd 1 - Wigan Ath 2

PERSONALITIES

MIKE WALKER (Goalkeeper) Veteran of the team who has just completed his fourth Season without missing a League fixture. Was at one time a Welsh Under 23 International, and is as safe a Keeper now as ever. 363 League appearances with Colchester.

MICKEY COOK — Longest serving player on

the books. He has made 490 League appearances and became the holder of most League appearances for Colchester during last Season. Signed Professional Forms in February 1969, and is Mr. Reliable at Full-Back.

PHIL COLEMAN — Signed from Millwall in February last as a Full-Back or Back Four Player. 20 year old strong attacking player who was born and bred in London. Only a few League appearances last Season, but aims to hold a regular place this campaign.

JOHN LIONS — Recent signing from Cambridge United.

STEVE WIGNALL — 26 year old Central Defender who was born on Merseyside. Signed for the U's in September 1977 and has been a stalwart in defence ever since. Finds time to travel to the other end of the pitch and use his heading power to good effect.

STEVE WRIGHT — 22 year old Back Four player who is upholding the family name at Colchester. Father Peter held the appearance record until recently. Strong 6 foot tall player who missed the first half of last Season with virus problems, but is now back to full fitness.

RUSSELL COTTON — 21 year old Midfielder who came through the Club's Youth Team. Finished his Apprenticeship by gaining his place in the First Team. Strong tackler, with a good shot on either foot.

KEVIN BREMNER — Snapped up for a bargain price midway through last Season from Scottish non-League side Keith. Completed Season as Colchester United's top scorer. Real old-fashioned bustling Centre Forward.

ROGER OSBORNE — Arrived at Layer Road last February from Ipswich Town, for whom, it will always be remembered, he scored the F.A. Cup Final winning goal in 1978. Delightful crosser of the ball with either foot.

ROY McDONOUGH — Another bargain buy from Chelsea in the middle of last Season. He has the height to worry any defence, and was striking up quite an understanding with Kevin Bremner by the end of the Season.

IAN ALLINSON — 23 year old who has come through the ranks at Colchester United. Signed Professional Forms in October 1975 and has become a regular over the last two or three Seasons. After a short spell at Full-Back, he has settled into his wide Midfield/Winger role. Over 200 League appearances for the U's.

TONY ADCOCK — 18 year old who has served his Apprenticeship with the Club and has just signed Professional Forms this Season. Midfield or Striker — has stamped his class on many Reserve Matches and shows great promise for the future.

like Walker, Dennis
McDonough, Tony
ner, Russell Cotton.

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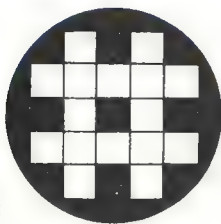
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 22

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you must decide where the rest must go.

Old WBA/England's "The Tank" ...;
... his first name; Scottish Rovers; Adrian
of England's Under-21s

CLUB CLUE No. 22

Solve this cryptic clue to identify
a soccer side:

Meat and water ... in a city famous for
sailors' stew

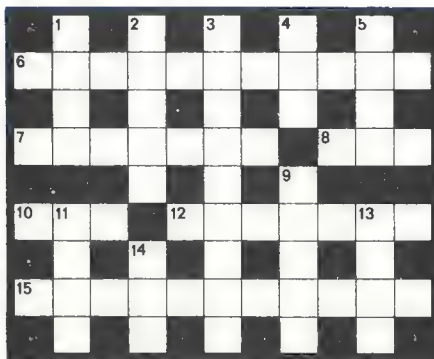
MIXED DOUBLES No. 22

Re-order the letters in each of the
words **SITE** and **PLAYERS** to find two related
soccer words.

QUICK QUIZ No.22

1. Which country was the first to actually qualify
for the 1982 World Cup finals?
2. Who was Footballer of the Year in 1954 and
1957?
3. Who was "The Golden Vision"?
4. Which League club has the widest pitch?
5. Which is the only city to have had an NASL
side since the League's 1968 inception?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30
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SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 22 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

6. Orient acquired this ex-England man from
Spurs around the middle of last season (5,6)
7. Antonin --- (of Rapid Vienna this season)
has long been a regular Czech international
- it was his free-kick against Wales which
led to Dai Davies' own goal in the World Cup
(7)
8. The colour seen at Crewe (3)
10. This Britton is a Scot! (3)
12. He played 600 games for Portsmouth, New-
castle, Bradford and Scotland and has
managed Cardiff and Newport (7)
15. Midfielder/defender whose career clubs
have included Chelsea, Everton and
Swansea (4, 7)

DOWN

1. Cup collected by Ipswich in 1981 (4)
2. Showers, say (5)
3. The second-oldest club in the League (5,4)
4. England keeper whose three FA Cup-
winner's medals in the 1920s were largely
due to his record of clean sheets in all three
finals (3)
5. Where the Goldstone Ground is (4)
9. International who spent several years at
Old Trafford, had a brief stay at The Dell, and
has passed the last few seasons at
Deepdale (5)
11. Dwyer or Devonshire (4)
13. Penalty --- (4)
14. Former Stockport chairman Freddie ---
took up the same role with Wigan last
season (3)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

WELL, after watching Wigan Athletic's last three matches, I'm more convinced than ever that for value for money you just can't beat football. Those encounters produced 18 golden goals, a host of thrills and spills and one or two never to be forgotten moments.

It was the wise old man who predicted that, at half time during the Bury game, the visitors would need more than the luck of the Irish if they were to hold on to that lead . . . and he was right.

But could anyone have predicted the outcome of Latics' next clash, against Scunthorpe last Friday? Just when you think you've seen everything in soccer something else comes along.

Latics fans were cheering their side's success, the Scunthorpe fans making enough noise to cover the next three seasons — and they were losing — and looking for a route into Europe next year even if they have to write the song themselves. After the game jubilant Latics fans were heard comparing goalscorers. "Who scored," cried one to a colleague. "Who bloody didn't," retorted a shell-shocked Scunthorpe fan. Then there were Latics fans thanking the local Constabulary for their hospitality, but adding that the annual works outing wouldn't be coming to Scunthorpe next year, infinitely preferring the flesh pots of Reading and Millwall. It was all very charming as the Latics followers enjoyed their favourite drink on the way

home — 'Seven-Up'.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end and Darlington proved to be Latics' last stand, but even that trip wasn't without its moments of humour. It was nice to greet former Latics ace Joe Hinnigan, who made the short trip from Sunderland to watch his old team.

But I'm afraid the high regard in which I held North Easterners and their knowledge of football was dealt something of a body blow. It seems you can play for Sunderland these days and yet just 20 miles up the road you have a situation where big Joe presents himself at the 'gate' — as he is entitled to do — only to get a disbelieving gateman say something akin "Oh yes, and I'm Fred Astaire."

"But he really does play for Sunderland," I protested as a younger official recognised our hero and waved him through. "He could be anyone . . . and who are you . . . out!" Oh well such is the price of fame. Incidentally, two older fans, on gaining admission to the multi-purpose Feethams ground, found the whole thing confusing. On entrance one fan spotted the cricket pitch, and taken aback commented, "Eee, look there's no stand," or something to that effect. His pal pointed out his error and to the soccer pitch ahead, to which fan number one added, "Oh, I wondered why the floodlights were pointing the wrong way!"

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Year Formed: 1932.

Football League Record:

1978 Elected to Division 4.

Honours: *Northern Premier League:* Champions 1970-71,

1974-75. *Northern Premier Cup:* Winners 1971-72. *Northern Premier Shield:* Winners 1972-73,

1973-74, 1975-76. *Cheshire League:* Champions 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1964-65. *Lancashire*

Combination: Champions 1947-48, 1950-51, 1952-53, 1953-54.

Record Victory: 4-1 v Bradford C, Division 4, 29 Sept, 1979; v Darlington, Division 4, 3 Nov, 1979; v Scunthorpe U, Division 4, 17 Nov, 1979; v Halifax T, Division 4, 1 Oct, 1980.

Record Defeat: 0-4 v Huddersfield T, Division 4, 9 Oct, 1979 and 0-4 v Lincoln C, Division 4, 29 Feb, 1980.

Most League Points: 55, Division 4, 1978-79 and 1979-80.

Most League Goals: 76, Division 4, 1979-80.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Peter Houghton, 15, Division 4, 1979-80.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: Peter Houghton, 34, 1978-81.

Most Capped Player: None.

Most League Appearances: Jeff Wright, 130, 1978-81.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £135,000 from Sunderland for Joe Hinnigan, February 1980.

Previous Managers of Note: Ted Goodier, Allan Brown, Gordon Milne, Ian McNeill.

Address of Social Club: Springfield Park, Wigan.



Springfield Park, Wigan. Telephone: 0942 44433. *Telegraphic address:* Springfield, Wigan. *Ground capacity:* 30,000. *Record attendance:* 27,500 v Hereford U, 12 Dec, 1953. *Record receipts:* £16,752 v Blackpool, FA Cup 1st rd, 28 Nov, 1979. *Pitch measurements:* 117yd x 73yd.

How to get there: Wigan Wallgate and Wigan North West Railway Stations. Wigan is served by three motorways, the M6, the M61 and the M62, with convenient access and exit points. Wigan also enjoys the facilities of the main London to Scotland railway line.

Match tickets: Stand - available 14 days prior to game.

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Club Colours: Blue and white striped shirts, blue shorts, white stockings.

Change Colours: White shirts, blue shorts, red stockings.

First Team Trainer: Ken Banks.

Club Captain: Colin Methven.

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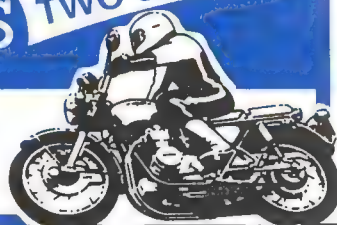
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I was lucky enough to be able to take my family down to Wembley last weekend to watch the League Cup Final, but the lasting memory won't be the game, but the remarks made to us about Latics.

We weren't exactly inconspicuous, as you don't often see four Wigan Athletic sweatshirts being paraded down Wembley Way.

Time and time again we were being greeted with the same remark, "You done well at Wigan mate, you done well!" As I say it wasn't just the odd remark, a lot of people have taken notice of Wigan Athletic.

It was a great feeling and made you proud to be part of Latics.

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting, on Monday 5th April, promises to be one of the highlights of our season. Our guests of honour will be 'Larry and his Players'. It might have been nearer the mark if we had called it 'An Evening with the Team of the Season', because at present there is no team in any of the four divisions to touch their record.

The evening starts at 6.45 p.m. with our new quiz — will the champs be beaten? In the raffle we will have an autographed ball. The shop will be open and all in all it should be a night to remember.

Blackpool

On Good Friday we are taking a coach to Blackpool for one of our famous escorted away-trips. If you want to go, please hurry, as the tickets are selling fast.

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Matchday Mascot

Today's Mascot is 9 years old Scott Grady who attends Winstanley County Primary School. His hobbies are playing snooker and football. His favourite football player is Steve Coppell.

Have a lovely day Scott.

John Fillingham

(Chairman)



JUNIOR LATICS





Above: A jubilant Peter Houghton scores Wigan's second goal against Scunthorpe.

Below: No let-up for Scunthorpe as Colin Methven forces his way through to score Wigan's sixth goal.

(Photographs by David Cookson)



SEASON TICKETS

As a result of the overwhelming number of requests for season tickets for 1982/83, we are asking all existing season ticket holders to renew their season tickets for next year by **15th April**. As it would be unfair to ask for the full cost by that date, a £20 deposit is all that is required. The full price for next year has yet to be approved by the appropriate authorities.

We would point out that our seating capacity is extremely small and, due to the rules of the F.A. and the Football League, we can only sell 65% as season tickets.

SO PLEASE REMEMBER: EXISTING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.

Renew your season ticket by **April 15th**, but you do not have to pay the full price, at this stage, just a deposit of £20.

C. T. Burke (Secretary)

CAR PARK - AN APOLOGY

You will notice that we have had to close the car park to the public on match days. This is due to the overcrowding and congestion, which is making it impossible for ambulances to gain access in emergencies. A limited number of spaces are available for sale at £15, until the end of next season. These can be obtained from the Club offices.

WE APOLOGISE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED



STATISTICS

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
^{*}In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1981																
AUG 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans ²	Houghton
AUG 31	STOCKPORT CNTY F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn†	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bourne	0-0	4,952		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow ²	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton ²	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 20	Bury	3-5	6,249		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd†	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Nov. 21	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,553		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M. Quinn
Oct. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn M	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Oct. 30	Colchester United	2-1	3,882		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON	2-1	4,512		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1	4,715		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn†	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3	4-2	12,063		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall ²	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
Nov. 14	York City	0-0	2,780		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	2-2	5,303		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	0-1	3,739		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 28	Rochdale	1-1	2,675		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
DEC. 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4	1-2	15,362		Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Dec. 5	HAIFAX TOWN	2-0	4,022		Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven [*]	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright

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JAN. 2	Mansfield Town	2-1	2,157	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
JAN. 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0	4,133	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M Quinn
JAN. 19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5-0	4,111	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd ²	Houghton	Evans	Weston
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY	4-1	7,107	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton ²	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 26	Crewe Alexandra	1-0	3,874	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 30	Northampton Town	3-2	2,418	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1-1	6,315	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 8	Port Vale	1-1	8,775	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 13	Torquay United	0-0	2,545	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd ¹	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 17	ALDERSHOT	1-0	5,120	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd ¹	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	O'Keefe	Houghton	Evans	Weston
FEB. 26	Stockport County	1-0	5,084	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd ¹	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
MAR. 6	HULL CITY	2-1	6,008	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Evans	Bradd ²	Houghton ²	O'Keefe	Wright
MAR. 9	BURY	3-2	7,508	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton ¹	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United	7-2	2,599	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd ³	Houghton ²	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 16	Darlington	3-1	2,147	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall ¹	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED														
MAR. 23	Sheffield United														
MAR. 27	Hereford United														
MAR. 30	BLACKPOOL														
APR. 2	YORK CITY														
APR. 9	Blackpool														
APR. 10	CREWE ALEXANDRA														
APR. 17	Halifax Town														
APR. 24	ROCHDALE														
MAY 1	Peterborough United														
MAY 5	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH														
MAY 8	MANSFIELD TOWN														
MAY 15	Aldershot														

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE LEADERS AS AT TUESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan Athletic	32	19	10	3	58	29	67
Bradford City	32	19	7	6	64	34	64
Peterborough United	31	18	7	6	55	34	61
Sheffield United	30	17	9	4	54	27	60
A.F.C. Bournemouth	32	16	12	4	40	22	60
Bury	32	15	11	6	64	40	56

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FROM THE CHAIR

AT THE request of the Chairman and on behalf of all at Wigan Athletic, I would like to welcome the Colchester United Directors, players and supporters, and I hope that at the end of their long journey we are all rewarded with as fine a game as we enjoyed in our last home fixture against Bury.

With almost a third of the season still to go, it is too early to be confident of promotion, but if we avoid the greatest danger, compacency, it looks as if we have grounds for hoping that we could be in a higher division next year. Everybody has to play their part, however, and both on and off the field we have to prove that we are ready for higher things. The Executive Lounge is now in full swing, and the next area to be tackled is the car park. I am sure you

are all as sick as I am of hearing messages over the public address system for the owners of cars causing obstructions, and things in that area have been getting worse every match. It must also be realised that the car park can be a source of revenue, and in these times when Football Clubs are going to the wall, we have to do everything possible to ensure that Wigan Athletic does not join them. We must also look into increasing the amount of seating accommodation and of weather-proofing our standing supporters. We cannot do much before the end of the season, but there is a great deal to do to make the ground fit for our supporters. I thank you all, on behalf of the Club, for your support and I hope the team continue to be worthy of it.

Enjoy the game (and buy a lottery ticket).

Ken Bates

(Vice Chairman)

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- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 Alex Cribbley
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Eamon O'Keefe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Mike Quinn

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. J. D. HOUGH
(Macclesfield)

Commenced refereeing in Macclesfield and District Leagues, and then via Mid-Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues to the Football League line, supplementary and full lists. Has refereed Cheshire Senior Cup and Cheshire Premier Bowl Finals, also lined in European Cup quarter-final in Czechoslovakia and Anglo-Italian Cup matches in Italy, and refereed the Alliance Premier League Cup Final.

A married man with two children, he runs his own business of plumbing and heating engineering and has spare-time interests in squash and gardening. He is also President of the local Referees' Association.

Linesmen:

Red Flag
Mr. L. R. Dilkes
(Mossley)

Yellow Flag
Mr. K. N. Maughan
(Whaley Bridge)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

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VISITORS:.....



**COLCHESTER
UNITED**
(Red/Black)

- 1 Mike Walker
- 2 Mickey Cook
- 3 Phil Coleman
- 4 John Lions
- 5 Steve Wignall
- 6 Steve Wright
- 7 Russell Cotton
- 8 Kevin Bremner
- 9 Roger Osborne
- 10 Roy McDonough
- 11 Ian Allinson
- 12 Tony Adcock

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Football League Division Four